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Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week begins July 17

This year's Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week takes place July 17 to 23. During this time, TDCJ recognizes the work of more than 1,400 parole officers and 3,200 probation officers whose work is vital to successful rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into society. There are about 88,000 offenders under active parole supervision, and more than 240,000 felony and misdemeanor offenders in Texas who are directly supervised by probation officers.

TDCJ Parole Division Director Stuart Jenkins expressed appreciation for the officers of the parole division, saying, "In order to successfully reintegrate an offender into society, parole officers must be patient and deeply committed to our mission of ensuring public safety. The work done by these officers helps keep the public safe while assisting offenders in their efforts to become honest, productive members of our communities."

TDCJ Community Justice Assistance Division Director Carey Welebob commended



the dedicated service of probation officers who work at Community Supervision and Corrections Departments, saying, "Throughout Texas, people who work at CSCDs are dedicated to supervising offenders in their own communities where they have the sup-

port of family, friends and others. When successful, these offenders are diverted from the path leading to incarceration, and can turn their lives around to become law-abiding citizens."

TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston wholeheartedly agreed with division directors Jenkins and Welebob, saying, "Parole and probation officers throughout Texas deserve to be recognized and honored. Their job duties, while difficult and sometimes hazardous, are critical to achieving the agency's mission to maintain public safety and reintegrate offenders. They are unsung heroes, as are correctional staff, law enforcement and first responders."

During National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, agency parole offices will host a variety of activities in honor of their officers' service. More information about National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week can be found at the American Probation and Parole Association website. ●